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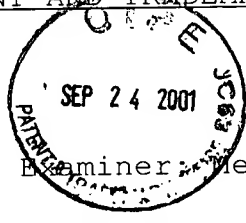
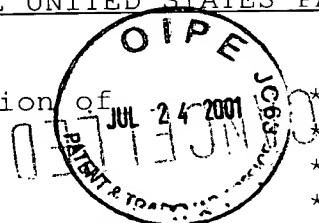
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Serial No.: 09/673,937

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Title: METHOD OF STABILIZING ENZYME AND ENZYME COMPOSITION



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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office action dated May 24, 2001, please  
amend as follows:

In the Claims

Cancel all claims presently on file and substitute the  
following new claims:

a, 10. (New) A method for stabilizing an aspartate  
aminotransferase in a medium selected from the group consisting  
of a serum and a buffer, comprising adding to said medium at  
least one stabilizer selected from the group consisting of valine  
in an amount of from about 0.5-100 mmol./l and proline in an  
amount of from about 0.5-500 mmol./l.

11. (New) The method of stabilizing the enzyme according to  
Claim 10, wherein said serum or buffer contains a soluble  
protein.